

TRIBUTE TO DAVID E. SMITH

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commissioner David E. Smith, who is retiring from public office after many years of distinguished service to the city of Pleasant Ridge, MI.

Throughout his career, Mr. Smith has been an active and influential leader in civic affairs and projects, with membership on a wide range of boards and organizations. In 1981, he began his service to Pleasant Ridge as a delegate and cochair of the Ferndale-Pleasant Ridge Cable Commission. This led to his membership on the Intergovernmental Cable Communications Authority. From 1985 to 1987 he was a planning commissioner, and in 1987 he was elected to the city commission, serving until 1996.

While a city commissioner Mr. Smith was a member of the Pleasant Ridge Foundation and the city of Pleasant Ridge 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee. In these positions, as others, Mr. Smith earned the admiration and regard of the city, his colleagues, and the community at large. I congratulate him on his accomplishments and thank him for his service to the community.

OLDER WORKERS WEEK

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

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Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to join with the Jewish Family Service of Greater Miami in celebration of Older Worker Week, March 10–16, to honor two older workers.

Alice Perrin—for her efforts as a clerk-in-training at the North Miami Foundation for Senior Citizens, she has been selected as the 1996 Jewish Family Service of Greater Miami's Senior Aide of the Year.

Selected from among 75 senior aides, Haitian-born Perrin, 64, began a new career 3 years ago as a clerk in the Jewish Family Service of Greater Miami training program for older workers. Her caring and willingness to assist has made her an asset to the North Miami Foundation team. She provides access and critical information to the foundation for Creole-speaking clients, and is an outstanding example the reliable, enthusiastic, and capable mature worker.

Dorothy Patterson—82, of Miami is also being bestowed honors for her extraordinary commitment to her fellow older workers. She is the assistant director of the Jewish Family Service Seniors AIDES Project, and has served as an ideal mentor for the 70 participants.

Ms. Patterson commits of her time to serve the needs of others by also being actively involved in the Church of the Open Door in Liberty City, singing in the choir, and serving as a member of the Women's Fellowship. She also devotes every Saturday towards helping to feed the homeless on the streets of Miami.

Alice Perrin and Dorothy Patterson are true examples of older citizens who have dedicated

their life to continued service. They provide an example for all of us to follow.

A PASTOR FOR THE COMMUNITY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, learning to live one's life according to the Scriptures is both tremendously rewarding and tremendously challenging. For the past 40 years, the people of Saginaw have been blessed with individuals who can both guide and encourage people to live their lives to the fullest, including living in the image that the Bible has suggested for us. Pastor Roosevelt Austin, Sr., and his wife Nurame, have helped countless men, women, and children improve the quality of their lives with the spiritual direction of the Baptist Church. They are being honored for their 40 years of service to their church and their community, and I can think of no individuals who better deserve this recognition.

Coming to Michigan from Louisiana, Pastor Austin has served as both the associate pastor and the pastor of the Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Saginaw. He has led from the pulpit and from the streets during these years, having also served as an advisor to Delta College and its campus ministry, as well as being the spiritual advisor for the Saginaw County Jail. He has been a board member of the NAACP, the president of Saginaw Training Center, Inc., a board member of the Commission on Quality Education for all Children, and a member of the Saginaw City Council.

Throughout this time, he has been supported and aided by his wife, Nurame, who has served as a community volunteer, and has been certified as a teacher by the Evangelical Teachers' Training Association. She has been recognized for her community service by the Michigan House of Representatives, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, the Saginaw County Community Action Center, and Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

They have been blessed with three children, Roosevelt Austin, Jr., who is also a minister, Dona, and David. These lives have been made far richer by the wonderful example set by their parents.

Pastor Austin has a motto which is profound encouragement to each of us. He believes that "Our lives are songs; God writes the music and we set them to music at pleasure; and the song grows glad, or sweet or sad, as we choose to fashion the measure." We each have been given an opportunity to succeed in a wide variety of fashions. It is up to each of us if we want our own songs to sing glad, or to let the refrain be sad.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and our colleagues to join me in thanking Pastor Roosevelt and Nurame Austin for their wonderful 40 years of devotion. I am sure that their work will continue with even more impressive results for years to come.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 1996: A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, we are all looking forward to St. Patrick's Day festivities back home.

For me, the upcoming celebrations bring back memories of the wonderful friends I made in Ireland last year when I accompanied President Clinton on his historic visit to that beautiful country—and of the message they conveyed in their words and actions: We want peace.

For those of us involved with Irish issues, the recent setbacks brought true heartache. But that's why now, more than ever, the United States must stand firm in its commitment to help the Irish people win a lasting peace.

Perhaps our best opportunity to do this is by promoting opportunities for economic growth in Northern Ireland and the Republic. This will be mutually beneficial, since one-third of all foreign business in the Republic is United States-owned.

We've already taken several steps toward that goal. President Clinton has appointed a Special Envoy for Economic Initiatives on Ireland, and the White House convened a conference on trade and investment in Ireland. This week I was proud to vote to continue funding for the International Fund for Ireland.

But I firmly believe we must do more. Along with my New York colleagues PETER KING and TOM MANTON, I have introduced H.R. 2844, the Ireland Economic Development Act. My bill would authorize the issuance of loan guarantees for economic development and job creation activities in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

I think Dan O'Kennedy said it best: "Prosperity and peace go hand in hand—that's why the Irish-American Unity Conference strongly supports H.R. 2844, the Ireland Economic Development Act."

I urge all my colleagues who are friends of Ireland to cosponsor H.R. 2844 before going home this St. Patrick's Day.

And every Member of this Congress should support the MacBride Principles, which I and 226 other Members of Congress cast our vote for earlier this week.

I authored the New York City MacBride Principles Contract Compliance Law, which made it illegal for the city of New York to award contracts to companies which discriminate against Catholic workers in Northern Ireland.

We should have a zero tolerance policy for discrimination: That's the statement we make when we vote for the MacBride Principles.

Last, but by no means least, my heart goes out to all the families still threatened with cruel separation by deportation proceedings. I am committed to continuing my work on this issue with members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs, and I urge my colleagues to get involved.

We all love taking part in the fun of St. Patrick's day celebrations. But this year, as we put on our green shirts, we must all resolve to roll up our sleeves and do the hard work necessary to help realize a bright and promising future for Ireland and her people.